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Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
January 17, 1985

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held in Athens in the library auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 1985. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Elkins, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Hodgson, Miss Jenkins(Madison Co.), Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Langley(Oconee Co.), Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Miss Powell, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Whitehead(Madison Co.) and Miss Austin, director and secretary to the Board.

Mrs. DuPree greeted members and called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Reporting for Clarke County, Miss Austin called attention to the increased work with students occurring during the second quarter of the fiscal year and to three displays presented in the library: the paintings of Bill Cartee and Dr. Alex Perrodin, members of the Athens Art Association and the exhibit on the history of the Tallassee Dam area provided by the Oglethorpe Power Company. She reported the conclusion of the "Different Drummers" lecture series funded by the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities, with a favorable evaluation of the series by the audiences.

Mrs. DuPree then welcomed Mr. Elkins, a new member of the Clarke County Library Board who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of David Barrett, who resigned when he moved away from Athens.

No one was present to report for Franklin County.

Mrs. Whitehead reported for Madison County, commenting on the recent meeting of the county library board.

For Oconee County, Mrs. Langley announced the employment of Mrs. Lillian Raynor to succeed Mrs. Frances Burgess, who resigned as clerk of the Bogart Branch Library. She also noted that the Oconee County Commissioners have agreed to a new plan for maintaining the Watkinsville library building and grounds.

In the absence of Oglethorpe County representatives, Miss Austin reported on the special reception that Board held for those who donated money or labor to the renovation project on Saturday evening, December 1, followed by a general open house on Sunday afternoon. This allowed the Board to thank the community for its participation and its efforts to provide adequate quarters for the library.

The report of regionwide interests and activities included information about the passage of amendment 8 to the Georgia Constitution in the November general election, beginning of budget planning for FY'86 in the county library board meetings, completion of the FY'84 LSCA(Federal) project which improved the children's book collections in each library in the system and postponement of "Fine Free" period to the last half of January. Miss Austin also noted a successful Christmas open house for users of the Talking Book Center which attracted their oldest (101) and youngest(18 months) users!

The new Georgia Library Trustees' Handbook, prepared by the DeKalb Library System in cooperation with the Division of Public Library Services was presented. Copies have been provided for each officer of the 5 county library boards, with an extra copy in each library to be circulated only to Board members(kept as a reference book when not needed by them) with 5 additional copies available through the Athens Regional Library headquarters for use anywhere in the system.

Mrs. Newland, chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee recommending Peter Hodgson as vice chairman to succeed David Barrett, resigned. Mr. Hodgson was unanimously elected.

Mrs. DuPree announced the reappointment of herself, Mr. Kellam and Miss Powell to 5 year terms expiring in 1989 on the Clarke County Library Board and the appointment of Mr. Robert Elkins to fill the term of David Barrett which expires in 1986.

She then announced preliminary plans for the Georgia Library Trustees' Award Luncheon on GLA Day at the legislature on February 13 at the Floyd Building in Atlanta. She asked each board member to contact his or her representative and senator to invite him to attend as a guest. There was some discussion as to the mechanics for managing this as well as of who would be able to attend. It was agreed that as many board members as possible would call or speak to legislators to urge them to attend and a letter would go from the Regional Library as well.

The Chairman asked Miss Austin to present a proposed amendment to the budget for the Talking Book Center. She explained that it is essentially shifting funds to provide additional large print books. Dr. Reines moved that the amendment be approved and the motion passed.

Mrs. DuPree appointed a committee to study the regional constitution and by-laws and recommend changes to bring them into conformity with the new library law: Miss Powell, chairman, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Paradise, Mrs.Hill, and Mrs. Langford.

She then appointed Mrs. Weeks as chairman of a committee to consider complaints against two library books recently received. Serving with her will be Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Shields and the staff representatives Miss Taylor and Mrs. Ames.

The quarterly budget report was discussed. Mrs. Langley pointed out that the report does not reflect the change in the amount the Oconee County Board of Commissioners agreed to appropriate nor the deletion of the sum pledged by the local Oconee County Board from non-tax funds. Miss Austin said this will be corrected in the next report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary

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The Clarke County Library Board met in the Athens library auditorium on Thursday, January 17, 1985 immediately following the adjournment of the Athens Regional Library Board meeting. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Eberhardt, Mr. Elkins, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Miss Powell, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Austin, director and secretary to the Board.

After a second welcome to Mr. Elkins, the minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

In the Director's report Miss Austin commented on the successful change over to the Clarke County ESSX telephone system with a corresponding scrambling of listings in the 1985 telephone directory. The intercepts are still operating to give callers the correct numbers.

She reported continuing problems with the heating equipment. The needed parts have been ordered with an expected delivery date of February 15. The county maintenance department is handling this, and they have also promised the new fencing soon.

A summary of the library's services with special emphasis on Clarke County was prepared for the Department of Community Relations and to be included in the County Administrator's first annual report.

After receiving 79 applications for the book mender/processing clerk position, the department head and director have screened them, selecting those to be interviewed and those interviews begin on Friday. We feel confident a good candidate will be employed by the end of January when Mrs. Rabek leaves.

Mrs. DuPree asked the Public Relations Committee, composed of Miss Powell, chairman, Mrs. Neighbors, and Mrs. Shields to work with the director to plan an appropriate observance of National Library Week April 14-20. She then appointed Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Neighbors to draw up a resolution recognizing Mrs. Rabek's service to the library upon her retirement.

The proposed library surplus book sale was brought up for discussion. The general concensus was that it seems desirable to adopt a policy authorizing the staff to conduct such sales so that each one will not need board approval. The discussion was broadened to include the desirability of a Friends of the Library group, which often provides such support activity in places where the groups exist. Mr. Kellam spoke of the need for money for

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purchasing books as well as gifts of books for the library. He offered a motion that the Board authorize an annual book sale of duplicates and other unneeded gift books with proceeds to supplement the library's book funds. The motion passed.

In response to a question concerning the preliminary work on the study of the library's services and need, Miss Austin said that the staff has begun assembling information from existing statistics, annual reports, etc. Funds for the consultant will be included in the Clarke County Budget request, with a schedule for surveys, etc. to be developed later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.p.m.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary

WHEREAS, Grace Rabek has given fourteen years of loyal and faithful service as processing clerk and chief book mender at the Athens Regional Library, and

WHEREAS, during those years she has rendered efficient service not only in that capacity but also in any other duties she undertook, and

WHEREAS, her work has always been done in a cheerful, helpful, gracious and courteous manner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Trustees of the Athens Regional Library, do hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Grace Rabek for her many contributions to the Library, and that we wish her happiness now as she retires from its service and in all her future endeavors; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting, be published in the next issue of the Library's newsletter, and a copy be given to Mrs. Rabek.

LaGrange T. DuPree, Chairman
Athens Regional Library Board

January 17, 1985

MINUTES
ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
APRIL 18, 1985

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the library in Athens Thursday afternoon, April 18, 1985 at 3:30 o'clock. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman; Mrs. Allen, Mr. Elkins, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Shields, and Mrs. Weeks from Clarke County; Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Whitehead from Madison County; Mrs. Hill from Franklin County; and Miss Austin, Secretary.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Reports from the counties followed. Miss Austin reported that budget preparation had consumed much time this quarter in Clarke County. She noted that use of the 2 weekly shopping center bookmobile stops is growing and the fine free period in January was reasonably successful. Two new projects have been well received: the AARP program of assistance to the elderly in preparing income tax returns, and a series of instructional programs for arthritis victims. The AARP committee chairman, John Winge, approached the Library about their providing this assistance each Friday afternoon for 10 weeks, and this proved to be successful. The local Arthritis Foundation underwrote the series of meetings so that they could be presented free of charge at the library. Attendance was good and the Foundation officers were pleased with the results of the instruction.

She also called attention to observances of National Library Week, April 14 through 20. At this point the Chairman recognized Mrs. Shields, who invited all of the Regional Library Board members to come to the Open House which the Clarke County Board is sponsoring Sunday April 21 from 3-6 p.m. Miss Austin announced the resignation of Bookmobile Driver-Clerk Eve Weeks and informed the Board that the position has been advertised, interviews are in progress and it should be filled within a few days.

Mrs. Gene Weeks reported that the committee to consider complaints about library books had considered three complaints. They recommended that two of the books be retained and wrote letters to the complainants stating library policy and their reasons. The third book to be challenged contains medical misinformation. It is one which is useful in other areas, and a later edition than the one we own is now available. The recommendation was to determine whether the new edition repeats the error. If not, purchase it to replace the older one. If it does, discard the book and do not replace it. The library staff is checking on this now.

Mrs. DuPree announced the resignation of Mrs. Wanda Langley from the Oconee County Library Board and the Regional Library Board's committee on the constitution and by-laws. She appointed Mrs. Pattie Ivy to replace her on the committee.

The Chairman asked the Director to present a proposal for a grant from the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities (GEH). Miss Austin outlined a proposal developed by Mrs. Ames, the assistant director, titled "Sound of the South: the Oral Tradition in Southern Literature." After much discussion Dr. Reines moved that the proposal be approved, and the motion passed. Miss Austin then requested permission to approach several local businesses to solicit contributions to raise \$1,500 to use for programs and publicity for the series, citing an indication by GEH officials that such local participation strengthens the application. Mr. Kellam moved that the library be authorized to do this. The motion passed.

Mrs. Hill reported that the Franklin County Board has met with its funding agencies and that they have assurances that their budget request for FY 1986 will be met. The libraries are sponsoring a "Ramona Look-Alike" contest among the children to mark National Library Week.

Mrs. Langford reported that the Madison County Board is ready to purchase a copying machine for the library at Danielsville, and that members of the board wrote letters to their Congressmen urging that the postal subsidy be retained for library materials and for books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

In the absence of their representatives, Miss Austin reported that the Oconee County Library Board has purchased a new copying machine, that the new Bogart branch manager is finding her way around quite well, and that some Oglethorpe County Library Board members and Lexington mothers have organized a group of volunteers to conduct story hours for young children there. Prudence Taylor and Kathryn Ames from headquarters have been working with them in a training period.

In her Regional report, the Director reported action by the 1985 Georgia General Assembly that affects public libraries. These included an increase of 2 cents each per capita in the grants for M & O (Maintenance and Operation) and for materials, returning the state paid librarians to the state teachers' salary scale and funding a revised formula for allotting state paid

librarians to the public library systems. The Athens Regional Library will qualify for one additional librarian beginning July 1, 1985. Plans are now under review for reassigning duties to make the best use of this person. Miss Austin expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr. for attending the GLA Legislative Day in February and the Awards luncheon of the Georgia Library Trustees group.

The Chairman called attention to the proposed budget for fiscal 1986 and allowed time for members to look at it. She then asked the Director to present it for discussion. Miss Austin summarized the differences from last year's budget and answered several questions. Dr. Reines moved that the budget be approved, and the motion passed.

Mrs. DuPree then asked Miss Austin to present a proposal for using the LSCA (federal) basic grant for FY 1985. Miss Austin explained that the appropriation had been uncertain, with Congress acting on it in late February or early March. She had received notice of the amount of Athens Regional Library's grant only ten days earlier and did not have all of the information on costs needed to have a draft of the proposal ready. She had enough information to recommend that if the needed cost figures indicate it will be possible, the grant be used to enable the library system to join SOLINET, a computerized bibliographic information network, and to pay the charges for twelve months after the system is installed. SOLINET will be useful in speeding up cataloging and processing books and other library materials. After considerable discussion, Mr. Johnson moved that the Board approve the principle of joining SOLINET and empower the Executive and Finance Committees to review the proposal and act when the facts are in. The motion passed.

Mrs. DuPree then presented a request from the Director for approval of out of state travel to Baltimore for Kathryn Ames to attend a special workshop on grants sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association in May. Mrs. Ames is one of three from Georgia selected to be invited to attend this workshop. Mr. Johnson moved that the travel be approved. The motion passed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Roxanna Austin

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
APRIL 18, 1985

The April meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 1985 by the Chairman. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Elkins, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Austin, Secretary and Director.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

The Director's report included information about building and grounds maintenance. Fencing around the fragrance garden has been replaced on two sides by the County with 10 foot high sections. The side next to the church will be replaced in FY 1986. The fountain pool is being repaired; the gravelled spots have been covered with asphalt but the parking lot has not been repaved nor re-striped to show parking spaces. Shrubbery at the entrance to the parking lot was pruned drastically to take care of freeze damage and to remove obstructions to seeing traffic as people leave the lot. No further incidents of vandalism or purse snatching have been reported. She announced the death of custodian Johnny Huff's father, who was known to several board members. She also reported that about \$40 was realized from the Coca Cola machine in the staff lounge over a three month period. It was agreed this might be used for staff projects.

She reported that data is still being assembled for the Clarke County Library Study and that a meeting will be needed in June or early July to prepare for working with the consultant.

Mrs. DuPree asked Mrs. Shields to report on plans for the Open House on Sunday, April 21. In Miss Powell's absence, Mrs. Shields asked Board members to sign up for periods as host or hostess and to provide cookies for refreshment. Miss Powell will provide punch, a punch bowl and ladle. Members of the library staff will be on hand to answer questions and the entire building plus the bookmobiles will be open to the public.

The budget request which had been prepared with the advice of the Executive and Finance Committees was presented for ratification by the Board. Miss Austin expressed her appreciation for the assistance provided by the Committees in preparing the budget request for the County and in reducing it to fewer pages and a clearer, simpler form. Mr. Johnson moved that the budget be ratified by the Board. The motion passed. In the discussion concern was expressed for the money for the contract with the consultant for the study. Miss Austin said she believed funds can be found if the County appropriation will not cover it.

Mrs. DuPree presented the question of continued sponsorship by the Library for the Ensemble Concerts under the direction of Mary Carrick, which have been presented twice a year for the past five years. Mrs. Carrick wants to move them from the library auditorium to the Botanical Garden but wishes the Library to continue as a sponsor. There was general discussion of the background of the concerts and it was made clear that the Library has not put any money into them, only providing space and including announcements of them in the library publicity. Mrs. Neighbors moved that the Board will not co-sponsor programs to be presented outside the library unless it is involved in planning them. The motion carried.

Mrs. DuPree appointed Mrs. Newland, Chairman, Mr. Elkins, and Mr. Johnson to a committee to study and recommend needed changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Clarke County Library Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
JULY 18, 1985

The July meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held at 3:30 p.m. on July 18, 1985 in the library auditorium. Present were Mrs. DuFree, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Austin, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Miss Powell, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Shields(Clarke County); Mrs. Hill, Franklin County; Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Whitehead, Madison County; Mrs. Christopher, Oconee County; and Miss Austin, Secretary.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

The Chairman called for reports from each of the counties. Miss Austin reported for Clarke County, commenting on the observance of National Library Week in April with an Open House, and the Annual Used Book Sale which yielded slightly over \$1200 for the library book fund. This year the Walden Book Stores contributed a large number of books which would have been returned to their central warehouse and probably destroyed. About 300 of the gift books were added to the library collection and the rest offered for sale. The County work crew took those not sold to Watkinsville for their sale the next week and those still not sold went to the AAUW sale. She commented on the activity of closing out the 1985 fiscal year and the fact that the Vacation Reading Club is off to a good start with over 1100 children registered by the end of the first month. A brief summary of the use of the meeting room highlighted the variety of activities it accommodates. She closed by observing that the Athens circulation was up over that for a year ago for the months of May and June.

Mrs. Hill reported for Franklin County that the Lavonia Carnegie building has been repainted by the city and that their Vacation Reading Club is off to a good start. The local Board is studying their personnel policy to bring it in line with the Athens policy.

Mrs. Whitehead reported for the Madison County Board. They are preparing to purchase a copying machine and will have their quarterly board meeting next week.

Mrs. Christopher reported for Oconee County that the repairs have been completed on the Bogart Building. The Watkinsville Book Sale yielded about \$289. The Vacation Reading Club enrollment is good and there are active plans for the summer. The Oconee County Library Board is working on plans for their application for state funds for an addition to the Watkinsville building. The board has pledges of \$13,000 toward the \$60,000 to be raised locally.

There was no one present from Oglethorpe County.

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The director's report began with the announcement of the assurance of funding for the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities project. The first six Athens businesses approached for contributions pledged the \$1500 needed to indicate local support and to underwrite the Maxwell one-man play to be presented in February. They are the First National Bank, the Athens Coca-Cola Company, the McGregor Company, Golden Pantry, Georgia Power Company, and Trussell Ford-Mazda.

Miss Austin expressed appreciation to the personnel committee for their assistance in the proposed reorganization of staff duties to take advantage of the new state position. They recommended the establishment of a new position, Head of Extension Services, to pull together responsibility for activities currently handled by four different people. The vacancy has been advertised in the national library press as required by the Division of Public Library Services. Deadline for applications is August 19, after which applications will be screened and a candidate selected.

She reported that after further investigation the Executive Committee, which was given power to act on the LSCA proposal at the April meeting, approved the recommendation of the director and staff that the FY1985 LSCA grant be used to join SOLINET, the Southeastern Library Network, to improve the cataloging and processing of materials and to facilitate interlibrary loans, although we will not actually request the interlibrary loans at first. The proposal for use of the grant was completed and approved, and the money is now on hand. The initial fee and dues for FY'86 have been paid and the preliminary work for getting the system in place is progressing.

Miss Austin reported in greater detail on the application for state funds for the building project to add approximately 6,000 square feet to the Oconee County Library Building in Watkinsville. The deadline for the first phase of the application was June 24 so papers were prepared, approved by the Oconee County Board and submitted on that date subject to formal approval by the regional board, since state regulations require the grant to be channelled through the region.

She announced that the Georgia Library Association will hold its biennial conference in Augusta October 24-27. Special activities for Board members and Trustees are scheduled for Friday, October 25 and members were urged to plan to attend.

The Chairman reminded the committees on Constitution and By-Laws that they need to be studying and planning so that any needed revisions can be approved by June 30, 1986.

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Under new business she asked the director to summarize the changes in the budget from the budget requests approved in April. This was done and after a short discussion the revised budget was approved upon motion of Mr. Johnson. Mrs. DuPree presented the items concerning the building project for Oconee County. Upon the motions of Mr. Kellam and Miss Powell, with several seconds, the Board unanimously approved the application for state funds for the construction of the addition to the building, the employment of L. Miles Sheffer as the architect for the project and the opening of the construction account at the Oconee State Bank in Watkinsville.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JULY 18, 1985

The Clarke County Library Board held its regular meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Athens Regional Library Board on Thursday, July 18, 1985 at 4:50 o'clock. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Austin, Mr. Johnson, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kellam, Miss Powell, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Shields and Miss Austin, Secretary.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed by mail.

Dr. Reines reported for the Building and Grounds Committee and recommended that the Board decline the offer of a graduate student at the University of Georgia to hang a visual display from the roof overhang over the fountain pools. After some discussion of problems with the fountains, Mr. Johnson moved that the Board approve the recommendation to decline his offer.

The revision of the Clarke County budget was discussed in greater detail after which Dr. Reines moved its approval. The motion passed.

Mr. Kellam moved that the Board authorize a contract with Cecil Beach of Fort Lauderdale at the rate of \$200 per day plus expenses, up to \$4,000 to serve as consultant for the study of Clarke County library services and facilities. The motion passed.

The matter of renewal of the lease for the Talking Book Center quarters was brought up. Mrs. DuPree presented a proposed two year lease with no increase for FY'86 and a 10% increase for FY'87, in essence a 5% increase for each year. After some discussion the Board voted unanimously to approve the two year lease on the property at 435 N. Lumpkin Street.

The chairman named Mr. Kellam, Mr. Eberhardt and Mrs. Shields as a committee to recommend names to fill the vacancies for the terms of board members which expire in 1985. She then read a letter to be sent to Mr. T. H. Milner, honorary member, who has been hospitalized and is not well.

She then presented the request of the County Research and Planning Department for a five year projection of capital needs to be submitted by July 31. A list for discussion was reviewed and agreed upon to be submitted to the county for their use in planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON CHALLENGED BOOKS
September 12, 1985

The Committee met on September 12, 1985 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's office at the library with the following present: Mrs. Weeks, Chairman, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Miss Austin, Mrs. Shields. Two complaints about two books were considered.

The first was from Mrs. Marilyn Daniels, whose complaint was about nudity in the illustrations in I Am Joseph, by Barbara Cohen. (Morrow, c. 1980.) Illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak. All members of the committee had examined the book and agreed that the complaint did not justify removing the book from the library. The Director was instructed to reply thanking her for her concern and pointing out (1) that the book's illustrations are in keeping with the period of the story, (2) they are faithful to the biblical account of the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife in the book of Genesis, and (3) they are not unlike depictions of the human body in art books for children. She was also asked to point out that the children's department serves all ages from preschool through the eighth grade and must provide material at various levels of sophistication and that in the end, only parents have the right to decide what their children may not read.

The second complaint was from Rebecca Koch. It dealt with Stomping Ground, by Denis Hamill. She was offended by the harsh and vulgar language and by the violence portrayed in the story. The Committee agreed that the book reflects a segment of contemporary life in which such language is unfortunately in common use. The book was judged to be realistic and well told. The Committee agreed that had it been read in its entirety some redeeming social value would have been found as the chief character worked through his search for acceptance and love. The Director was instructed to notify Mrs. Koch that their recommendation is that the book be retained.

*Alexandra Austin, Secretary and
Director*

MINUTES
ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD
OCTOBER 17, 1985

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held in Athens at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, October 17, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. Present were: Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mr. Eberhardt, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, and Mrs. Weeks from Clarke County; Miss Jenkins and Mrs. Whitehead from Madison County; Mrs. Telford from Franklin County; Mrs. Calloway from Oglethorpe County; Miss Austin, Director and secretary to the Board, and Mrs. Clare Auwarter.

Mrs. DuPree called the meeting to order and asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the July meeting. There being none, they were approved as distributed by mail. Mrs. DuPree then thanked the Board members and the library staff for their concern and thoughtfulness during her hospitalization and time at home while recovering from surgery.

Miss Austin presented Clare Auwarter, the librarian filling the additional state position earned by the system, who began work on October 1. Following a brief welcome to the staff by Mrs. DuPree and a response from her, Mrs. Auwarter was excused to go to an appointment at one of the branch libraries and Mrs. DuPree called for reports from the counties.

Mrs. Telford reported that the Franklin County Board had its meeting earlier in the month and there was no special event to report.

Miss Austin reported for Clarke County, calling attention to the successful first program in the "Sound of the South" series funded by our third grant from the Georgia Endowment for the Humanities and announcing the next two. She reported receipt of two gifts. The first was \$500 from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norton in memory of his mother, \$400 to be used for the purchase of children's books and \$100 to be used for the purchase of large print books for the Athens collection. The second was \$400 from the Minaminihon Broadcasting Company in Kagoshima, Japan, presented as part of the 20th high school student exchange initiated by the television broadcasting company. The Clarke County School District participates in the exchange program and the gift was an expression of thanks to the entire community. This money is being used to purchase books about Japan and additional works by Japanese authors in English translations. Miss Austin invited Board members to visit the periodical area of the reading room to see the new magazine shelving made possible through the Clarke County appropriation for FY 1986.

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Mrs. Whitehead reported for Madison County in the absence of Mrs. Langford, who was ill. She reported the purchase by the local board of a much needed copier for the library in Danielsville, and called attention to a recent editorial in the Danielsville Monitor by its publisher and local board member, Jere Ayers. The editorial cited the need for improved library facilities in Madison County and pointed out the importance of beginning to work for them now, especially since the new formula for state grants for library construction is so beneficial.

There was no representative present to report for Oconee County.

Mrs. Calloway gave the report for Oglethorpe County, highlighting the activities of the Library Moms group of volunteers who conduct story hours at the Lexington library. She announced that local groups are providing the fees to enable three of the group to participate in a one-day storytelling workshop in Atlanta in November to be conducted by Caroline Bauer, an authority in this field.

Mrs. DuPree announced with regret the decision of Mrs. Newland and Mr. Johnson to decline reappointment to the Clarke County and Athens Regional Library Boards in January and read a letter from Mrs. Newland. (Copy attached.) She asked Mr. Johnson for his comments and he expressed regret that personal matters make it necessary for him to give up some responsibilities, including service on the library board. He expressed his pleasure in serving and having a part in the growth of the library's services, and counseled the members to continue to ask for the funds needed to support the level of service they wish to see provided in the community.

The Director's regional report followed. Miss Austin announced that all applications for state grants and the annual report were completed and in the offices of the Division of Public Library Services in Atlanta before the end of the first week in August. These were approved and checks received for the FY 1986 book fund as well as the checks for the first and second quarters for the other fund grants.

She announced a delay in preparing the promised summary of the FY 1986 annual report and will distribute it as soon as possible. Major events during the past quarter have been the preparation of job descriptions, advertising of the opening for the additional librarian, screening applications and interviewing with the final selection of Mrs. Auwarter. Others were comple-

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tion of the application for the grant for construction of the addition to the Oconee County Library well before the deadline to insure its inclusion in the Department of Education's budget request now before Governor Harris, continued work in preparation for installation and use of SOLINET with the terminal expected to be connected in January 1986, and attendance at the first meeting of FY 1986 of the directors of the public library systems with officials of the Division of Public Library Services. This was held in Albany and focused on the increasing use of videocassettes in public libraries, both in programming and in circulation for use outside the library, and on the effect of the Garcia decision as to the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to public agencies will have on public library practices. For the Talking Book Center, she announced that the Athens Kiwanis Club received the Mayor's Award for volunteer service to the handicapped for 1985 after being nominated by the TBC where its members give many hours of volunteer service each year. She also reported the completion of the second annual monitoring visit by the staff of the State Library for the Blind and receipt of a highly complimentary report on our operation.

Mrs. Gene Weeks reported for the Committee on Challenged Books that they have completed work on complaints about two books: I Am Joseph, a children's story, and The Stomping Ground a contemporary adult novel. Their recommendation was that both titles be retained in the collection. By common consent the Board accepted the recommendation.

The Board formally approved the appointment of Mrs. Clare Auwarter to the library staff.

Mrs. Langford in 115/86
Mrs. DuPree appointed Mrs. Jane Bowen of Oglethorpe County and Miss Augusta Jenkins of Madison County to the Committee on the Regional Constitution and By-Laws. She then appointed the following nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the next biennium to be presented in January: Mr. Austin, Chairman, Mrs. Neighbors, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Ivy.

Mrs. DuPree displayed a canvas book bag used and sold by the Albany-Dougherty County Library and invited the members' opinion on the advisability of having some made for the Athens Regional Library to sell. Miss Austin gave information on prices and by common consent it was agreed that she should place an initial order for 300 for sale throughout the region.

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Miss Austin requested approval of the traditional Christmas Shopping Day for all eligible staff members which was granted. She reminded members of the forthcoming meeting of the Georgia Library Trustees Association in connection with the Georgia Library Association in Augusta on October 25 and urged any who could to attend.

There was a brief discussion of the budget reports for FY 1985 and the first quarter of FY 1986 which had been distributed at each member's place. All funds due the library for FY 1985 are now in hand and those due quarterly or bimonthly for FY 1986 have been received to date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
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The fall quarter meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was called to order immediately following adjournment of the Athens Regional Library Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 1985 in the library auditorium. Present were Mrs. DuPree, Chairman, Mr. Eberhardt, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kellam, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Austin, secretary to the board.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed.

Miss Austin gave the Director's report. In it she noted the installation of the new periodical shelving, added sections of shelving in the adult reading area and a new timer to control the outside lighting provided by the County Building and Grounds Department. She called attention to several pieces of furniture and other items which have been mentioned before and asked for advice on proceeding with disposing of some of these. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that we should ask for an appraisal of these items to guide us in a decision as to whether to dispose of them or seek to place them in a more appropriate location. The items include a very large walnut conference table donated by the C & S Bank years ago when they purchased a new one, several chairs, a spinning wheel (source unknown), and Dr. Crawford W. Long's medical chest. Mrs. DuPree asked Mrs. Neighbors to contact Mr. Charles Rowland or another appraiser to examine them and set a value on them to guide us in our decision.

Miss Austin expressed thanks to Mr. Peter Hodgson for the continued gift of the Wall Street Journal from the First National Bank.

She then reported that Mr. Culpepper, County Finance Director, had recently telephoned to advise her that the original estimate of indirect costs to be charged to the library for building and grounds maintenance has been reduced by \$2,000, and a decision made to add this amount to the direct grant to the library. She recommended that the budget be amended to use \$1,000 for furniture and equipment (one small desk, three chairs, one filing cabinet), and \$1,000 be placed in a contingency fund. A discussion followed and the motion that the budget amendment be accepted was passed unanimously.

Miss Austin reported that the staff had requested that she add to the five year list of priorities discussed at the July meeting additional funds for materials, including audiovisual, and a van or station wagon, with the last to be the lowest

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priority. Since the list had to be turned in immediately she added them. She asked their advice as to whether they wished to delete either. After discussion it was agreed by common consent that purchase of a library vehicle would be dropped as a priority and the planning office so notified.

The chairman called on Mr. Kellam to present the report of the committee to recommend nominees for appointment to vacancies on the library board. Mr. Thomas H. Wilkins and Mrs. Arlene T. Lasseter were approved to be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for appointment to succeed Mr. Farris Johnson and Mrs. Dorothy Newland and Mrs. Gene Weeks was recommended for reappointment to the board.

Mrs. DuPree appointed Mrs. Weeks to succeed Mrs. Newland as chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and appointed Mr. Eberhardt and Miss Hawkins to the committee. She urged that they try to have a report ready for the April meeting.

The matter of a date for a called board meeting with Mr. Cecil Beach, consultant for the study of Clarke County library services and needs was brought up by the Chairman. It was agreed that the first choice for such a meeting would be Monday, December 2, with Friday, December 6 as a second choice.

Mr. Kellam presented a request from the Athens Investment Club to see if there is any way the library can purchase the stock market report services of Value Line and Standard and Poor. He had determined that the combined cost of these would be around \$1600. Various methods of securing donations for this purchase were discussed. It was agreed that the director would ask the reference staff to keep a record of the number of requests for this information and that she will secure more information for use in a possible project to secure local investment firms' help in providing them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Roxanna Austin
Roxanna Austin, Secretary